

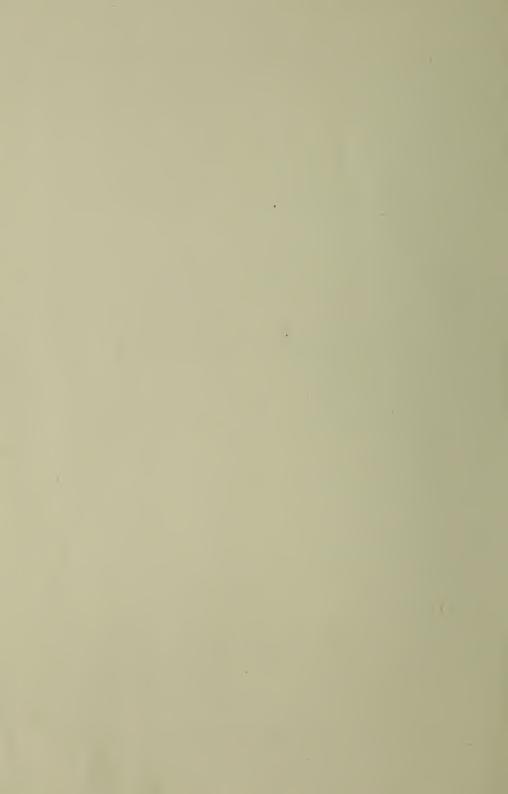
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To the Chairman and Members of the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Urban District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report for the Year 1948.

According to the Registrar General's estimate, the population has increased from 5,951 in 1947, to 6,352 in 1948.

The birth rate for England and Wales fell from 20.5 per 1,000 population in 1947 to 17.7 in 1948, for Ashby from 22.2 to 15.5.

The death rate has also dropped from 14.4 to 9.6, England and Wales from 12.0 to 10.8 per 1,000 population.

It will be noted that the sewerage of Blackfordby has been commenced and good progress is being made, and a scheme has been formulated for New Packington.

During the year 83 houses were completed as compared with 11 in 1947.

Measles were prevalent during the first half of the year, 164 cases being notified. There were no deaths. The cases of Measles occurred in the following months: March (22), April (121), May (20) and November (1).

Fifteen cases of Scarlet Fever were notified, all mild, and did not necessitate removal to Hospital.

One very mild case of Diphtheria in an unimmunised adult was notified.

It will be noted that the County Council are now responsible for Immunisation after July 5th.

I should like to express my thanks to the Health Department of the County Council for their help and co-operation.

Finally, it remains for me to express my appreciation to Mr. G. E. Marlow, Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector, for his invaluable help during the year, and in the compiling of this Report which would have been impossible without him, and to you Ladies and Gentlemen for your kindness and co-operation.

I remain, Gentlemen,
Your obediert Servant,
A. McM. W. SEGERDAL, M.D., D.P.H.
Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A

General Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area	6,190 acres
Population (Registrar General's estimate	e) 6,352
Number of Inhabited Houses	1,869
Rateable Value	£36,679
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£145 9s.11d.

Ashby-de-la-Zouch is a market town, the chief industries of the District are:—Agriculture, Coalmining (open cast), Biscuit making, Soap Manufacturing and Glove Manufacturing. A number of workers engaged in Coalmining, Earthenware and Brickmaking are resident in the town. There is a camp for Displaced Persons, and a Hostel run by the Leicestershire Agricultural Executive Committee for the members of the Women's Land Army. There are also two Public Parks and an Open-Air Swimming Bath in the town. No industry was noted as having a specially injurious effect on the health of the population.

Vital Statistics

LIVE BIRTHS:				Total	Male	Female
Legitimate		•••	•••	96	47	49
Illegitimate	•••	•••	•••	3	3	0
				_		
				99	50 .	49

Live Birth Rate—15.5 per 1,000 population. England and Wales Birth Rate—17.9 per 1,000 population.

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STILL BIRTHS:				Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	•••	•••	• • •	2	I	I
Illegitimate	• • •	•••	• • •	0	О	0
					_	_
				2	I	I

Still Birth Rate—.31 per 1,000 population. England & Wales Still Birth Rate—0.42 per 1,000 population.

DEATHS:	Total	Male	Female
	61	30	31

Death Rate—9.6 per 1,000 population. England and Wales Death Rate—10.8 per 1,000 population.

Causes of Death in		Female	Total
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	0	I	I
Cancer of Buc. Cav. Oesoph. M.			
Uterus F	0	I	I
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	I	I	2
Cancer of Breast	0	I	I
Cancer of all other sites	4	3	7
Diabetes	0	2	2
Intracranial vascular lesions	5	4	9
Heart diseases	12	8	20
Other diseases of Circulatory system	О	2	2
Bronchitis	3	0	3
Pneumonia	2	I	3
Other Respiratory Diseases	I	О	I
Other Digestive Disease	0	2	2
Nephritis	2	O	2
Premature Birth	О	I	I
Congenital Mal., Birth Injury,			
Infant disease	0	2	2
Other violent causes	0	I	I
All other causes	0	I	I
	_		_
	30	31	61

Death Rate from Total Maternal Causes per 1,000 Live and Still Births—0. (England and Wales—1.02).

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age :-

				Total	Male	Female
Legitimate		•••		4	О	4
Illegitimate	• • •	•••	•••	0	0	0
				4	О	4

Death Rate under 1 year of age—40.4 per 1,000 Live Births. (England and Wales—34 per 1,000 Live Births).

Death Rate from Enteritis and Diarrhoea under 2 years of age—.0 per 1,000 Live Births. (England and Wales—3.3 per 1,000 Live Births).

Chief Causes of Death in 1948 :—

Heart Disease	•••	 20
Cancer (all forms)		 11
Intracranial Vas. Lesions		 9

SECTION B

General Provisions of Health Services for the Area

General Provisions for Health Services up to July 4th were the same as in my previous Report for 1947, and the following embodies the changes that have taken place from July 5th to the end of the year.

HOSPITALS

From July 5th all except a few private Maternity and Nursing Homes, such as Fairhaven, Shellbrook, were taken over by the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board. Those operating prior to July 5th are still mainly used, but other hospitals under the Board are available, and occasionally some outside the area of the Sheffield Region.

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS

Infant Welfare Clinics are held every Thursday afternoon at the Baptist Schoolroom, Ashby, as formerly. Venereal Disease Clinics are under the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board. Cases of Scabies are still treated at Swadlincote Urban District Council Treatment Centre. At the Health Centre, Bridge Road, Coalville, an Ante-natal Clinic and Tuberculosis Dispensary are still available, the latter being under the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

From July 5th all ambulance facilities were provided by the County Council, the St. John Ambulance Brigade undertook the work as agents of the County Council and in this area the service is mainly provided by the St. John Ambulance Brigade at Coalville and Church Gresley, and partly from the County Ambulance Depot, Leicester. Colliery accidents are removed by Ambulance provided by the National Coal Board stationed at the Central Ambulance Station, Nailstone Colliery and at Moira.

NURSING IN THE HOME

All District Nursing and Midwifery in the Home is under the County Council as from July 5th.

HEALTH VISITING

This work is provided as before by the County Council, and is very ably carried out in the Area.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

County Council Laboratory, 8 St. Martin's, Leicester.

The examinations performed on behalf of the District in the County Laboratory are as follows:—

Milk Examinations Water Examinations	 •••	•••	49 o
	Total		 49

The Public Health Laboratory, Isolation Hospital, Groby Road, Leicester

The follow	ing ex	aminat	tions w	ere m	ade :—	
Pus						I

SECTION C

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water Supply.

The whole District is supplied by the Ashby and Swad-lincote Joint Water Board from the Milton Water Works.

There are still a few wells in use.

Number of Wells closed—3.

Number of Wells cleansed—Nil.

Number of cases in which piped supply was substituted for well water—3.

Number of parishes with piped water supply:—

- (a) From Public Mains—Whole area.
- (b) From Private Reservoirs—Nil.

Number of houses without a piped water supply—47.

The quality of the existing supplies is satisfactory. The water exhibits no plumbo-Solvent properties. It has been necessary to continue night time restrictions during the year owing to a shortage of water at the source of supply. Steps are being taken to obtain an additional supply of water from Leicester Corporation, Derwent Valley Water Main.

No extensions of the Public Water supply were carried out in 1948.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Number of cesspools constructed during the year—Nil. Number of cesspools abolished during the year—6. Total number of cesspools in District on 31st December, 1948—131.

Particulars of any extension during the year :-

- (a) Sewerage.—The sewerage of the village of Blackfordby has been commenced.
- (b) Sewage Disposal.—Willesley Lane Sewage Disposal Works are being enlarged to deal with the sewage from Westfields and Blackfordby.

Post War Proposals.

Plans have been prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Health of a system of sewerage for New Packington and connecting up the same to the Sewage Disposal Works at Packington.

Closet Accommodation.

Total number in District on 31st December, 1948:-

- (a) Privies 61
- (b) Pail closets 54
- (c) Water closets 1203

Number of closets converted to the water carriage system during the year.

- (a) Privies 5
- (b) Pail closets 2

Number of privies (middens) converted to pail closets during the year: Nil.

Public Cleansing.

House refuse is collected weekly by Council workmen with a covered motor vehicle, and conveyed to a tip where it is deposited in shallow layers and covered with earth. 149 New Ashbins were provided in place of unsuitable or defective receptacles.

Earth closets, privies and ashpits are cleansed by Council workmen, the contents being disposed of on arable land and ploughed in.

At Blackfordby, the removal of house refuse and the cleansing of earth closets and privies is carried out by a Contractor and dealt with in a manner similar to the rest of the District.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Total number of	complaints	received	
during 1948			120

Total number of defects and nuisances discovered 210

Particulars of Inspections Made

Type o	f Inspecti	on.		mber of spections.	
Animal Keeping				30	6
Bakehouses				8	3
Dairies and Cows	heds	• • •		30	19
Drainage Works				46	28
Dwelling Houses	(all pur	ooses)	•••	140	48
Food Premises	•••			40	ī6
Offensive Trades		•••		2	I
Rats and Mice D	estructio	on		56	29
Refuse Collection	and Di	sposal		49	ığ
Schools		•		2	0
Shops				8	3
Slaughter Houses				0	Ö
Tents, Vans, She			•••	I	0
Verminous Premi			S	4	4
Water Supplies				81	40
Workshops, etc.				18	_
Other Inspection		•••	•••	116	5 38
	To	otals	•••	631	258

Results of Notices Sent

Preliminary Notices.

	Housing.	Public Health.
Outstanding on 1st January, 1948	6	9
Issued during year	. 82	109
Complied with during year	. 80	111
Statutory action necessary	. 0	0
Outstanding 31st December, 1948	8	7

Statutory Notices.

	Housing.	Public Health.
Outstanding on 1st January, 1948	0	0
Issued during year	. 0	0
Complied with during year	. 0	0
Outstanding 31st December, 1948	0	О

Summary Action: Number of summonses issued—Nil.

Number of convictions obtained—Nil.

Shops.

Particulars of action taken during year under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1934.

	standing n., 1948.	Defects found.	Defects remedied.	Outstanding 31st Dec., 1948
Convenience	es o	3	3	О
Temperature	0	О	0	0
Ventilation	О	I	I	О
Cleansing	О	I	I	О

Camping Sites. Nil.

Regulated Buildings.

Class of Building.		No. of .Inspections.	Action Taken.	General Conditions.
Common Lodging				
Houses	Nil.	О	0	0
Tents, Vans,				
Sheds, etc.	I	I	0	satisfactory
Canal Boats	Nil.	О	0	0
Offensive Trades	I	2	О	satisfactory

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

Particulars of action taken :-

Number of Council Houses infested	 0
Number of other dwelling houses infested	 4
Number of houses disinfested	 4.

The disinfestation was carried out by the Local Authority by spraying with D.D.T. fluid and dusting with D.D.T. powder.

Rat and Mice Destruction.

All properties found to be infested with rats were dealt with by the Councils Rodent Operator. The refuse tip and sewers and Sewage Disposal Works received attention during the year.

Schools.

All the Schools are supplied with Water from the Main and all are on the Water Carriage System Blackfordby Church of England School.	Public except
Schools Disinfected	0

Swimming Baths and Pools open to the Public.

No. in Area:—			
(a) Publicly owned	•••	 •••	I
(b) Privately owned	•••	 •••	Nil.

SECTION D

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Milk Supply.

Cowkeepers—	
Number on Register	38
Number of Inspections made	45
Number of contraventions outstanding from	
previous year	4
Number of contraventions found during year	4 18
Number of contraventions remedied during year	20
Number of contraventions outstanding on	
31st December, 1948	2
Dairymen or Purveyors of Milk (other than cowked	epers)—
Number on Register	12
Number of Inspections made	14
Number of contraventions outstanding	
from previous year	I
Number of contraventions found during year	6
Number of contraventions remedied during year	5
Number of contraventions on	
31st December, 1948	2

Total Contraventions

Type of	O	utstanding fro previous year.	m Found during year.	Remedied during year.	Outstanding on 31st Dec., 1948
Cleansing Structural	•••	2	9	9	2
Alteration	ns	I	6	6	I
Utensils		О	2	2	O
Other	• • •	2	7	8	I

Milk Sampling

Class of Milk				Number Unsatisfactory.
Tuberculin Te	sted	О	О	О
Accredited	•••	О	О	О
Pasteurised	•••	5	3	2
Ordinary	•••	5	4	I

The Milk (Special Designations) Regulations 1936 - 1946.

Three licences were issued during the year, one for a Pasteurising Plant, one for Supplementary Retail Distribution of Pasteurised Milk and one for a Bottling Licence.

The pasteurising Plant for which the Licence was issued, was of the Holder type, capacity 100 gallons per hour, hand temperature controlled.

Number of Plants for heating milk not licenced as Pasteurising Plants—Nil.

Ice Cream.

Number of Premis	es regi	stered	:			
Manufacture		•••	•••			Nil.
Retail	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	4
Number of Sample	es—4:					
Results—						
Grade 1	•••			•••		2
Grade 2				•••		I
Grade 3	•••	•••	•••	•••		I
Grade 4	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	О

Meat and Other Foods.

No. of Regional Slaughter Houses in Area	Nil.
No. of inspections of meat at time of slaughter	Nil.
No. of Knackers Yards in Area	Nil.
No. of visits to Knackers Yards	Nil.

Carcas	es Inspect	ed ar	id Co	ndemn	ed.		
Nu	mber inspec	ted					Nil.
	mber conde				•••		Nil.
Meat S	talls. Nil.						
Meat S	hops, Meat	Stor	es, etc	: .			
Nu	mber of Ins	oectio	ns	•••	•••		24
Places	where fo	od (other	than	meat)	is k	ept or
		,		for sa			-1
Nu	mber of Insp			•••	•••	•••	40
Action ta							
The	e following is	a list o	offood	condem	ned and	l destro	yed:—
	Meat		•••			78 lbs	•
	Meat	•••				20 tins	5
	Sausage			•••	•••	36 lbs.	
	Pies		•••			28 lbs.	
	Bacon		•••			28 lbs.	
	Bacon		•••			3 tins	5
	Fish		•••			14 lbs.	
	Fish	•••	•••	•••		40 tins	S
	Jam	•••	•••	•••		20 jars	5
	Soup		•••	•••	•••	40 tins	S
	Vegetables		•••		•••	60 lbs.	
	Vegetables		•••		•••	40 tins	S
	Fruit	•••	•••	•••	•••	26 tins	3
	Tomatoes		,			30 lbs.	
	Tomatoes		•••			26 tins	3
	Pickles	•••	•••			64 jars	3
	Potatoes					29 cwt	S.
	Milk					48 tins	

SECTION E

Housing.

1.—11	ispection of Dwelling Houses during the	tear.
(1)	(a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health	
	or Housing Acts)	150
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	188
(2)	(a) Number of dwelling-houses (included	
	under sub-head (1) above) which were	
	inspected and recorded under the Housing	
	Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	0
(0)	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose Number of dwelling houses found to be in a	0
(3)	state so dangerous or injurious to health as	
	to be unfit for human habitation	0
(4)	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those	U
(4)	referred to under the preceding sub-head)	
	found not to be in all respects reasonably	
	fit for human habitation	34
		31
2.— R	emedy of Defects during the Year Without Se	rvice
	of Formal Notices.	
	Number of defective dwelling houses rendered	
	fit in consequence of informal action by the	
	Local Authority or their Officers	29
3.—A	ction under Statutory Powers during the	Year.
	(a) Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16, of	
	the Housing Act, 1936	
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which	
	notices were served requiring repairs	О
(2)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered	
	fit after service of formal notices:—	
	(a) By Owners	О
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	0
(-)	(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts.	
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which	
	notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	
(2)	remedied	0
(2)	were remedied after service of formal	
	notices:—	
	(a) By Owners	O
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	o

	(c)	Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 the Housing Act, 1936.	of
(1)	Nu	mber of dwelling houses in respect of whi	ich
		Demolition Orders were made	0
(2)	Nu	mber of dwelling houses demolished	in
		pursuance of Demolition Orders	0
		Proceedings under section 12 of the House Act, 1936.	
(1)	Nur	nber of separate tenements or undergrou	
		rooms in respect of which Closing Order	ers
		were made	O
(2)	Nur	nber of separate tenements or undergrou	nd
		rooms in respect of which Closing Ord	ers
		were determined, the tenement or roo	om
		having been rendered fit	0
-		ing Act, 1936—Part 4—Overcrowdin	_
(a)	(1)		nd
		of year Number of families dwelling therein	20
	(2)	Number of families dwelling therein	34
- 1	(3)	Number of persons dwelling therein	138
(b)		Number of new cases of overcrowdi	ng
, ,		reported during year	40
(c)	(1)	Number of cases of overcrowding reliev	
	()	during year	42
(1)	(2)	Number of persons concerned in such case	
(<i>d</i>)		Particulars of any cases in which dwelli	
		houses have again become overcrowd	eu
		after the Local Authority have taken ste for the abatement of overcrowdir.g	
		for the abatement of overcrowding	0
		· Housing.	
Τ	otal	number of applicants for Council House	ses
	a	t end of year	255
Hous	es c	ompleted during the year.	
В	y Lo	cal Authority	78
		ivate Enterprise	5
Hous	es ir	course of erection at end of year.	
		cal Authority (Permanent traditional type)) 24
B	y Pri	vate Enterprise	2
Prepa	arati	on of Housing Sites.	
		preparation of a site for the erection of 4	o houses
at Bla	ckfor	dby has been completed.	2700200

SECTION F

Prevalence of, and control over, Infectious Diseases. Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1948.

Disease.			Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever		15	0	О
Measles	• • • •	164	0	О
Pneumonia		ΙΙ	0	3
Erysipelas		2	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia		3	3	0
Diphtheria		Ĭ	Ī	О
Whooping Cough		6	0	О
Other Cases admitt	ed to			
Hospital (diagnosi	is not			
confirmed)		0	I	О
ŕ				
		202	5	3

Analysis Under Age Groups according to Registrar Generals' Return 118d.

Age Period.		carlet Tever.	Whooping Cough.	Measles.	Diphtheria.
O-I		О	0	6	О
1-3		I	3	41	О
3 - 5		3	I	47	О
5-10		7	2	66	0
10-15		4	0	3	0
15-25		Ō	0	I	О
25 and o	ver	О	0	О	I
				——	
		15	6	164	I
Age Period			Proumonia	Ernsibolas	Puerperal

Age Period.		Pneu	monia.	Erysipelas.	Puerperal Pyrexia.
0-5		•••	2	0	0
5-15		•••	I	O	О
15-45		•••	5	О	3
45-65		• • •	2	2	О
65 and ov	er	•••	I	0	О
			ΙΙ	2	3

Immunisation Against Diphtheria.

Number Immunised from January 1st to July 4th, 1948 :—

Under 5 years of age 30 5-14 years of age 30 Number who have received a reinforcing injection (Booster & dose) 5

After July 5th the County Council was responsible for Immunisation.

Statement of Particulars appearing in the Tuberculosis Register for the year 1948.

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary			Total	
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	
No. of cases on the Register at the com-							
mencement of year No. of cases notified	4	2	6	5	2	7	13
during the year	3	I	4	О	0	О	4
No. of cases restored to the Register	О	О	0	О	О	0	0
No. of cases added other than by notification	0	0	0	I	0	ī	ī
No. of cases removed from Register during							
the year No. of cases remaining	I	I	2	0	I	I	3
on the Register at end of year	6	2	8	6	I	7	15.

Causes of Removal.

	Pulmon	Pulmonary.		lmonary.
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Left County	′ 0	О	О	I
Died	І	I	О	О
		—	—	
	I	I	О	I
				—

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

Resume of Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the Year 1948, previously sent to the Director of Statistics, Ministry of Labour and National Service, Headquarters, Orphanage Road, Watford, Herts.

Part I. of the Act.

I.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

	M /					en Occupier
Premises.		$\mathcal{N}o$	Register,	tions.	notices	prosecuted.
(1) Factories in which secti		(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are			·C			****
be enforced by Lo-Authorities.	cai	Ι	40	23	5	IN11.
			46	23	5	Nil.

2.—Cases in which defects were found.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more Cases).

Number of cases in which defects were found Ref. to Ref. from H.M.H.M.Particulars. Found. Remedied. Inspector Inspectors. Want of Cleanliness Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) (a) Insufficient O \mathbf{O} 0 (b) Unsuitable or defective ... 0 2 (c) Not separate for sexes 0 0 0 o offences against the Act (not including offences relating Outwork) Ι o 0 o 5 4 2

Part VIII. of the Act.

Outwork (Sections 110 and 111)

No of Outworkers No of cases of No. of pros.

Nature of Work. in default in sending for failure to

August list. lists to the Council. supply lists.

required by Sec. 110.

Wearing apparel

Making, etc. ... 4 o o

No. of instances of
work in unwholesome Notices Prosecutions.
premises. served.

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